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**From:** James Bates [jbates@jbateslaw.com]  
**Sent:** 8/20/2019 5:01:47 PM  
**To:** Castellana, Ben [castellana.ben@epa.gov]  
**CC:** brettbowyer@bowyerenvironmental.com; mlebow@srllplaw.com; BERMAN, TESSA [Berman.Tessa@epa.gov]; Robert.Ehe@waterboards.ca.gov  
**Subject:** Re: 216 W Slauson - red tag report

Ben,

Thank you.

I received a copy of the sampling report this morning.

Jim Bates

On Tue, Aug 20, 2019 at 9:59 AM Castellana, Ben <[castellana.ben@epa.gov](mailto:castellana.ben@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hi all,

Attached please find the documentation for the red-tagged building at 216 W Slauson, received from the City of Los Angeles Building and Safety. I hope this moves the building demo issue forward.

Please also note that Mr. Bates has requested a copy of the sampling report; can Brett Bowyer forward that on? I'm out of the office, so it's a bit more difficult for me.

Thank you

Ben Castellana Ph.D.  
On-Scene Coordinator  
US EPA Region 9  
Superfund Emergency Response  
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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Mel Khachatourian <[mel.khachatourian@lacity.org](mailto:mel.khachatourian@lacity.org)>  
**Date:** August 20, 2019 at 7:08:07 AM PDT  
**To:** [castellana.ben@epa.gov](mailto:castellana.ben@epa.gov), Sam Portillo <[sam.portillo@lacity.org](mailto:sam.portillo@lacity.org)>, Bruce Todd <[bruce.todd@lacity.org](mailto:bruce.todd@lacity.org)>, Hector Rodriguez <[hector.rodriguez@lacity.org](mailto:hector.rodriguez@lacity.org)>  
**Cc:** Mario Cuevas <[mario.cuevas@lacity.org](mailto:mario.cuevas@lacity.org)>  
**Subject:** Re: 216 W Slauson - red tag report

Good morning Mr. Castellana,

Please find the attached issued order that addresses the site condition.  
Also, please contact the registered owner of the property to obtain a demolition permit form LADBS plan check office if that serves the best interest in reference to your inquiry.

Thank you,

Mel S. Khachatourian

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Code Enforcement/South  
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On Mon, Aug 19, 2019 at 8:07 AM Sam Portillo <[sam.portillo@lacity.org](mailto:sam.portillo@lacity.org)> wrote:

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From: **Bruce Todd** <[bruce.todd@lacity.org](mailto:bruce.todd@lacity.org)>  
Date: Mon, Aug 19, 2019 at 7:56 AM  
Subject: Fwd: 216 W Slauson - red tag report  
To: Portillo, Sam <[sam.portillo@lacity.org](mailto:sam.portillo@lacity.org)>

FYI please respond to them, .Thanks

Principal Inspector Bruce Todd  
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Code Enforcement Bureau  
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From: **Hector Rodriguez** <[hector.rodriguez@lacity.org](mailto:hector.rodriguez@lacity.org)>  
Date: Fri, Aug 16, 2019 at 11:12 AM  
Subject: Fwd: 216 W Slauson - red tag report  
To: Bruce Todd <[bruce.todd@lacity.org](mailto:bruce.todd@lacity.org)>

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From: **Castellana, Ben** <[castellana.ben@epa.gov](mailto:castellana.ben@epa.gov)>  
Date: Thu, Aug 15, 2019 at 7:54 AM  
Subject: 216 W Slauson - red tag report  
To: [hector.rodriguez@lacity.org](mailto:hector.rodriguez@lacity.org) <[hector.rodriguez@lacity.org](mailto:hector.rodriguez@lacity.org)>

Hi Mr. Rodriguez,

I'm the Federal On-Scene Coordinator overseeing the cleanup of the tanker explosion and gasoline release that caused a fire at a residential structure at 216 W Slauson Ave in Los

Angeles. The structure is red-tagged by your department, and I need a formal report from your office to assist with getting the structure demolished.

To add to our issues, there are homeless people breaking into the house, creating a nuisance and a greater threat of fire or explosion due to the presence of gasoline vapors at the site.

Can you help and or direct me to an individual who can provide the report? This is a time-critical situation, so I appreciate any help you can provide.

Sincerely,

Ben Castellana Ph.D.  
On-Scene Coordinator  
US EPA Region 9  
Superfund Emergency Response  
(562) 305-0694

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Thank You,

Hector Rodriguez  
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